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HAKTO 36
TO SCOWCROFT FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER
PLEASE SEE DOBRYNIN IMMEDIATELY AND CONVEY TO HIM THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
1. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED WORD FROM PRIME MINISTER MEIR THAT AFTER A 5 AND ONE HALF HOUR CABINET MEETING THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO TAKE A DECISION IN FAVOR OF THEIR PARTICIPATION AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AND THAT THEY WISH TO TALK TO ME FURTHER ABOUT THE MATTER ON SUNDAY. I AM INFORMING THEM THAT I AM PREPARED TO DO SO ON SUNDAY, AND I WLL MAKE ONE LAST EFFORT TO ACHIEVE ISRAELI AGREEMENT ON THE BASIS OF OUR JOINT DRAFT TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL.
2. AS A RESULT OF THE DELAY, I AM PROPOSING THAT THE CONFERENCE OPEN ON THE 21ST RATHER THAN THE 18TH. SADAT HAS AGREED TO THE 21ST.
3. I WOULD APPRECIATE IF DOBRYNIN WOULD GET THE APPROVAL OF MOSCOW ON A CONTINGENCY BASIS TO ALTERNATIVE COURSE OF ACTION WHICH I DISCUSSED IN SOME DETAIL WITH VINOGRADOV THIS MORNING. THE TEXTS HAVE BEEN SENT IN SECTO 107. IF I AM NOT ABLE TO GET ISRAELI AGREEMENT ON SUNDAY, WE AND USSR SHOULD PROCEED TO SEND INVITATIONS ON OUR OWN TO THE PRINCIPAL PARTICIPANTS AND TO THE SYG. IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES WE WOULD INFORM THE ISRAELIS THAT US IS GOING TO THE PEACE CONFERENCE ON THE 21ST WHETHER OR NOT ISRAEL DECIDES TO ATTEND.
4. PLEASE ASK DOBRYNIN TO GET US A PROMPT REPLY WHETHER THE 21ST IS AGREEABLE AND WHETHER THE LETTERS ARE ACCEPTABLE.
5. I WOULD PROPOSE DINNER WITH GROMYKO ON THE EVENING OF THE 20TH.
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State Dept. review completed

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